

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 8, 12, 13, and 16-43 were pending, of which claims 16-42 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 16-42 have been canceled without prejudice to future prosecution in a related application. Accordingly, claims 8, 12, 13, and 43 are pending.

Double Patenting

Claims 8, 12, 13 and 43 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1, 2 and 5-14 of co-pending Application No. 10/803,179 and over claims 8, 12, 13 and 43 of co-pending Application No. 11/108,164.

Without acquiescing to this double patenting rejection and to facilitate allowance, Applicants submit, with this response, a terminal disclaimer to obviate this rejection over the two cited reference patent applications. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Applicants believe that all of the claims remaining in the application are now allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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